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editor's note



During the month of May, when it comes to your home, it's all about making improvements. Before we enter the hot summer months, there are home repairs, and cleaning and remodeling projects that need to be completed. What improvements would you like to make?

On Page 18, check out our extensive list of home improvement categories from repairing your deck to power washing the exterior of your home to re-facing cabinetry and getting new countertops inside. Once your projects are complete, you can sit back, relax and enjoy your home for the rest of the year.

While a few homeowners have the skills to take on certain home projects, most find themselves in over their heads in the middle of a project. On Page 22, remodeling experts discuss when you should go it alone and when you should depend on the pros to get a project completed on time and within budget. Doing a project yourself doesn't always save money, and it almost always takes more time. Find out all you need to know before your start your next remodeling adventure.

This is the time of year our roofs take a beating with major rain storms, high winds and even hail damage. With the extreme weather in Texas, roofs have to be able to hold up to the elements. On Page 32, find out the warning signs that your roof needs to be repaired or replaced, as well as all the latest roofing material options from metal to slate to high-performing composition roofing.

Rounding out this issue on Page 38 is an in-depth look at a beautiful 1929 home on Swiss Avenue. Filled with lovely antiques and the site of the new owners' wedding, this home has quite an interesting history. You can view the home yourself this month on the Swiss Avenue Mother's Day Home Tour May 9 and May 10 — a great way to spend the day with loved ones.

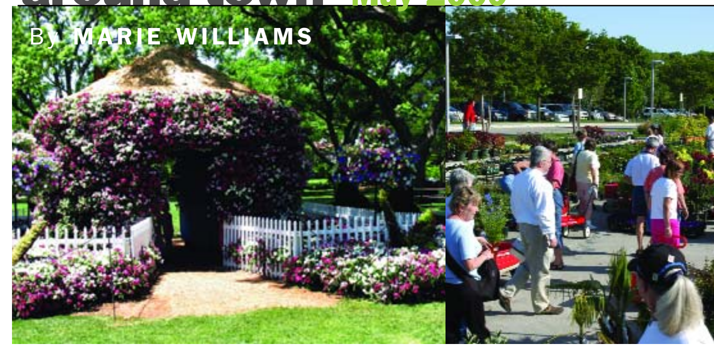
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Coming Next Month …

Outdoor Entertaining Ideas
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around town May 2009

BY MARIE WILLIAMS



The 6th Annual Plant Sale at the Dallas Arboretum is open to the public Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. Then, throughout the month of May, don't miss May Flowers featuring a 12-foot Flower House and Flower Towers covered in 3,000 petunias, verbena and impatiens.

The **12th Annual Cajun Festival** is May 2 to May 3 at Traders Village, 2602 Mayfield Rd., Grand Prairie. Enjoy free toe-tapping Cajun music and authentic Cajun foods, featuring traditional Southern Louisiana favorites such as fried green tomatoes, red beans and rice, gumbo and hundreds of pounds of spicy boiled crawfish. Information: 972.647.2331

Enjoy the great outdoors by embarking on a nature hike. The Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge, 9601 Fossil Ridge Rd., Fort Worth, hosts a **Naturalist-led Nature Hike** Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m. Admission is $5 and free for members. The hike showcases current blooming flowers, commonly seen insects, birds, animals and current projects on the Refuge. Dress comfortably and bring water. Information: 817.392.7410 or www.fwnaturecenter.org

Plant lovers should check out the **6th Annual Plant Sale at the Dallas Arboretum**, showcasing more than 23,000 plants for sale. The sale is open to the public and free of charge on Saturday, May 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon at 8525 Garland Rd., Dallas, in the parking lot behind Rosine Hall. The Arboretum is going full throttle with its spring makeover this year during **May Flowers**, May 1 to May 31. The grounds will be adorned with a 12-foot Flower House and Flower Towers covered in 3,000 petunias, verbena and impatiens. General admission is $9.50 for adults, $8 for seniors 65 and older, $6 for children ages 3 to 12 and free for Arboretum members. **Mother's Day Weekend** at the Arboretum, May 9 to 10, features a jazz trio on the Martin Rutchik Concert Stage, professional family portraits ($15 per photo), a silhouette artist ($5 per person) and music on DeGolyer Loggia. Information: 214.515.6500 or www.dallasarboretum.org

Enjoy a Mother's Day tradition by touring homes while enjoying entertainment in the forms of music, photography, ceramics and an art fair during The Swiss Avenue Historic District's **36th Annual Mother's Day Home & Garden Tour** on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 10 from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door. Children 12 and under are free. Information: 214.823.9445 or www.sahd.org

Discover colorful, native birds such as blue jays and mockingbirds that inhabit your back yard and neighborhood parks during **Backyard Bird Garden Walk** on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Texas Discovery Gardens, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Dallas. The cost is $3 for adults, $1.50 for kids ages 3 to 11 and $2 for seniors. Garden members get in free. Then on Friday, May 15 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., gain knowledge about how to incorporate native and adaptive plants into your landscape at the **Native Plant Safari**. Learn about proper planting, pruning and watering. The cost is $25 ($20 for garden members). Information: 214.428.7476 or www.texasdiscoverygardens.org

Dallas Contemporary's **Viewfinder: New Images by Texas Artists** is a stirring exhibition featuring 16 artists that explores the wide scope of photographic art practiced today from traditional film-based still photography to video and installation work. The Dallas Contemporary is located at 2801 Swiss Ave., Dallas, and the exhibit runs through May 30. Information: 214.821.2522 or www.dallascontemporary.org

Soothe your senses by attending an herb festival put on by the Fort Worth Botanic Garden at 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. On May 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the **Fort Worth Herb Society Festival** is a delight for all and features the aromas of live herbs, displays of organic soaps, herbal concoctions, as well as a variety of tasty snacks. Admission is free. Information: 817.871.7686 or www.fwbg.org

Improve your culinary skills by attending Sur La Table's **Croissant Workshop** Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. Instructor Kathy Hume will give lessons on working with laminated dough, mastering sweet and tasty treats, such as ham and cheese or sugar croissants, and easy baking tips. Sur La Table is located at 4527 Travis Street, Dallas. The class costs $69. Information: 214.219.4470 or www.surlatable.com

By MARIE WILLIAMS



I.O. Metro, featuring eclectic home furnishings, opened a 10,000-square-foot store at Village on the Green across from the Galleria at 5301 Alpha Rd., Dallas. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The National Association of Remodelers Inc. announced its National Winners of the **2009 Contractor of the Year Awards** on March 28. Local Winners include:
Residential Bath Over $60,000: Capital Improvements, Allen
Commercial Specialty: Key Renovations, North Richland Hills
Home Theater & Media Rooms Under $150,000: Graf Developments, Grand Prairie. For more information, visit NARI Dallas at www.naridallas.org.

Second Home Furniture has started a program to help support our troops in Afghanistan. Owner Stacy Van Cleve's youngest brother, Cpl. David Mertz of Unit HHC 2nd of the 37th Infantry, was recently deployed to Kabul. Soldiers have requested items such as notepads, non-perishable food items and small-boxed laundry detergent. Donations are also being accepted for $1 table items such as magazines, books and home accessories. All donations will go directly overseas. Second Home Furniture is located at 1288 West Main Street, #132 in Lewisville. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 214.222.4663 or visit www.secondhomefurniture.com.

I.O. Metro, the first Texas location of this furniture retailer, recently opened a 10,000-square-foot store at Village on the Green, conveniently located across from the Galleria Mall at 5301 Alpha Rd., Dallas. This store boasts an eclectic lifestyle look, which aims to entice customers with sharp pricing and an in-stock core lineup that changes three times a year, complete with special one-time buys, changing every week. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact store merchandiser Randy Franklin at 972.991.7777 or visit www.io-metro.com.

HDS Stoneworks is a new local business offering a variety of stones and other surfaces at affordable prices, either for commercial or residential use. The store specializes in granite countertops, backsplashes for kitchens and bathrooms, cabinetry and glass shower surrounds. HDS Stoneworks is located on the west side of 429 N. Central Expressway in Richardson between Arapaho Road and Beltline Road. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 972.744.9092 or visit www.hdsstoneworks.com.

By JEFFREY JACOBY



Environmental Policy Hoedown

LEGISLATION AFFECTING TEXAS HOMEOWNERS

Every two years in Austin, for a five-month limited-time engagement, the Texas State Legislature rolls into town for a policy-making hoedown under the big pink dome. Because our lawmakers only convene January through May every other year, the session is an exercise in controlled chaos as women and men in suits churn at breakneck speed through initiatives ranging from the simple resolution congratulating Jane Smith on the occasion of her retirement to the complex omnibus bill crafted to fundamentally restructure the Texas energy economy. This session, a steady stream of smart, innovative and pragmatic environmental legislation is pouring in from both sides of the aisle. Many of these bills have the potential to affect homeowners directly: incentives for rooftop solar installations, cost-saving energy efficiency standards for appliances, free and convenient TV recycling, tax exemptions for water conservation and energy-efficient products, in-store recycling for disposable plastic bags, tighter limits on asthma-inducing toxic air emissions, and the list goes on. The smorgasbord below may look like alphabet-numbers soup, but, taken together, the bills on Texas legislators' collective plate have the potential to make a profound impact on the environment for years to come.

GREEN YOUR SPENDING WHEN SPENDING YOUR GREEN

While photovoltaic cells and solar thermal water heaters may seem like an Al Gore meets George Jetson pipe dream for some, the simple decisions that you make with your wallet really do change the system. Last session, the legislature created a statewide sales tax holiday for purchases of energy-efficient products such as washing machines, refrigerators, ceiling fans, dishwashers, dehumidifiers and programmable thermostats during Memorial Day weekend. This time around, H.B. 791 would extend the tax holiday to include Fourth of July weekend while H.B. 1902 expands the tax break to purchases of Energy Star certified personal computers. The list of efficient products also expands significantly under S.B. 437, which would raise energy efficiency requirements for consumer goods like DVD players, compact audio products, hot tubs and pool pumps, bottle-type water dispensers and incandescent lamps.

If you're looking to remodel, you might want to wait for that visit to Home Depot until S.B. 1716, H.B. 346 or H.B. 2338 goes into effect because you could receive a refund on taxes paid for repair costs or remodeling services designed to earn your house the U.S. Energy Star rating. Speaking of Home Depot, did you know they (along with IKEA) will accept for recycling your mercury-containing compact fluorescent lights? Unfortunately, not all companies exercise such environmental responsibility, so H.B. 3422 would create a statewide recycling program for used CFLs and other fluorescent tubes.

In this drought-sensitive area, water conservation is often as important as conserving energy; you can add rainwater harvesting equipment to your home to literally catch the rain … and get a tax write-off via H.B. 1818.

Leaving the store, the sales clerk at big box retailers will have to offer an affordable reusable bag as well as recycling bins for disposable plastic bags if S.B. 338 or H.B. 1867 makes its way into law.

DO IT FOR THE KIDS

Children are among the most vulnerable to toxins in the air and water. Legislation is under consideration that would curb asthma-causing air pollutants, heavy metals related to autism and neurological disorders as well as potentially harmful hormone-disrupters. The Senate already passed S.B. 16, an omnibus air quality bill that would reduce mercury emissions — a neurotoxin linked to autism — by 95 percent and smog-forming sulfur dioxide — a prime contributor to asthma — by 99 percent. With the upcoming switch to digital television on June 12, millions of old TVs, which contain lead, mercury and other toxins, are destined for Texas landfills without the kind of environmentally responsible recycling program that H.B. 821, S.B. 761 and H.B. 1355 provide. H.B. 4084 would ban e-waste from landfills altogether.

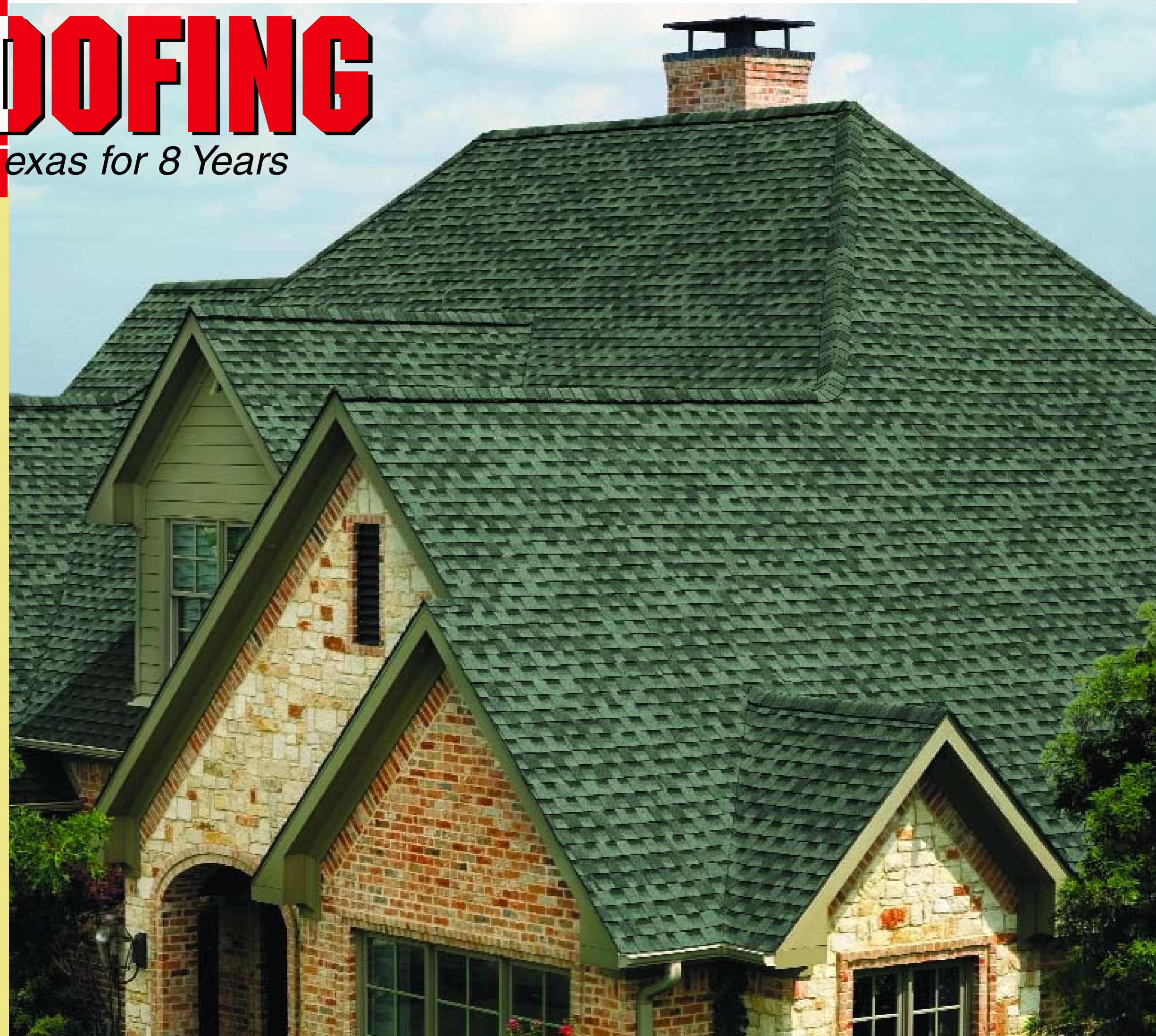
Bisphenol-A (BPA), used to make baby bottles and other hard plastics, has been linked with reproductive problems and endocrine disruption following even low-level exposure; H.B. 792 would require labeling for products containing BPA.

By filing legislation to reduce exposure to potentially harmful pollutants and increase the citizens' right to know about the chemicals that go into our bodies (and those of our children), the Texas House and Senate have shown that they're thinking about the environment. However, only when they pass these bills will they have shown that they're serious about doing something.

THAT'S GREAT, BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

More than 7,000 bills were filed this session, but only a fraction will pass. You can make a difference for the state of the environment in Texas by contacting your legislators in Austin to let them know that you support a cleaner, greener planet. Write to your State Senator at P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 and your State Representative at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768. To read about these bills and more, go to www.capitol.state.tx.us. To find out who represents you in the State Legislature, go to www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us. Remember, democracy works when the people participate.

Jeffrey Jacoby is program director for Texas Campaign for the Environment, a grassroots nonprofit working locally and statewide to press for sustainable waste and recycling policies. Call 214.599.7840 or visit www.texasenvironment.org.







From Allied Stone, red onyx with the deep burgundy veining is truly a beautiful stone that is one of a kind by nature. In this home, the stone was used on the dining table and on the adjoining bar top and backsplash.

May is National Home Improvement Month, and it's the perfect time to evaluate the condition of your home and take action on repairs. Look over your property carefully. What repairs are needed? What improvements would you like to make? Think ahead and determine your future needs. From the exterior to the interior spaces, keeping up on home repairs and bringing in professionals to do the heavy work will ensure that your home will live up to its greatest potential.

Like New

HOME IMPROVEMENT IDEAS THAT WILL HAVE YOUR HOME LOOKING BRAND NEW THIS SPRING

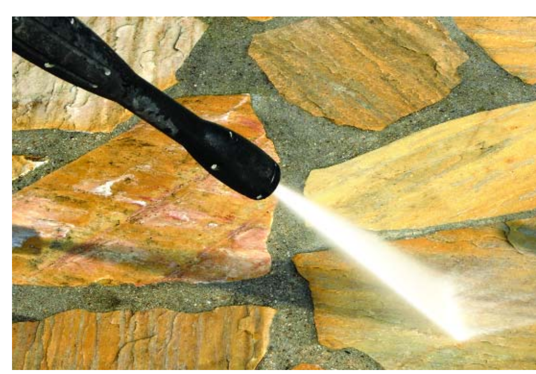
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AFTER: Shingles after SparkleWash power cleansing. Photos courtesy SparkleWash International

BEFORE: Mildewed shingles.



LEFT: Brick and stone especially benefit from pressure washing. © D.Ducouret - Fotolia.com

ON THE OUTSIDE

POWER WASHING & GUTTER CLEANING. Sap, pollen, mildew and pollution collect on the exterior of your home, making it look dingy and, in some cases, causing costly damage. Power washing your house is a relatively simple and affordable way to protect your investment. In addition to your house, other areas that benefit from pressure washing include gutters, the driveway, sidewalks and pool decking. Professionals recommend power washing your house at least once a year. While this is something homeowners can do themselves, there are some risks involved. If you don't have time or feel confident about power washing your house, hire a local professional, such Dallas Pressure Washing or WOW! Window & Gutter Cleaning.



Check your fence and deck yearly for popped nails, cracks and splintered wood.





A crack in your home's brick and mortar is a sign of a foundation problem. Hargrave Custom Foundation Repair corrected this home's foundation problem.

FENCE & DECK MAINTENANCE.

A beautiful fence and deck can add a lot of impact to your back yard, but there is some maintenance involved to keep these materials in tip top condition. Inspect your deck yearly. If you do repairs as they come up, and clean and refinish regularly, then your deck will stand the test of time. Check for popped nails and hammer raised nail heads to below the deck surface. Make sure fasteners are secure and that railings are bolted securely. Look for cracks in the decking and splintered floor boards. Use a sander to smooth rough areas. Replace broken boards and re-attach loose boards with wood screws. Remove mildew with deck cleaning products, soapy water or oxygen bleach.

Ethan Robinson, owner of Sierra Outdoor Custom Exterior Creations, specializes in patio covers, arbors, fences, decks and outside living spaces. "Cedar is the No. 1 material used for fencing and decks," he says. "In this economy, many people are refinishing, not replacing their fence or deck. I recommend TexSeal for refinishing and staining."

FOUNDATION REPAIR.

Texas is famous for home foundation problems, but there are some things you can do to protect your home, according to Dan Hargrave, owner of Hargrave Custom Foundation Repair and Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter President for the Foundation Repair Association. "Apply moisture to the home's entire foundation, and try to water it in equal amounts," Hargrave says. "You might have to apply more water to areas that receive more sun or areas near large trees."

Hargrave says you should water even in the winter once or twice a week and during the hot summer three to four times a week to ensure the soil is not pulling away from the foundation. Some warning signs you have a foundation problem include: cracks in the interior sheetrock, doors that don't fit properly, sloping floors and cracks in the brick or mortar. Foundation repairs can be very costly, Hargrave says. "There's really no average cost," he says. "You could have a minimum of $1,000 to $50,000 in repairs."

AC CHECK UP.



Have a professional inspect your AC unit once a year.

Before the heat of summer gets here, make sure your AC system is up to speed. Have your air conditioner checked once a year to make sure you have the right amount of refrigerant to cool your home. Have a professional make sure the airflow through the duct system is adequate. A professional will also check the coils, which can become matted with dirt and dust and lose efficiency. Having this cleaned will increase the efficiency and lower your energy bills.

While you will want a trusted professional to check your AC unit, there are some things you can do as a homeowner. Change the air filter regularly; make sure the air conditioner is working properly before you actually need it; check air intake screens and clean as required; and check fan belts for frays, cracks or nicks, and replace as necessary.



New cabinets, such as these by Alno, make a tired room sleek and modern. Shown is the AlnoClass line in carbon oak.

ON THE INSIDE

CABINETS & COUNTERTOPS.

Indoors, sprucing up your cabinets and countertops in kitchens and bathrooms can really make a statement and increase the value of your home. Tina Zhu, owner of Rockywood Stone & Cabinets, says spring is a time of year many homeowners consider getting new cabinets and countertops. "For countertops,



granite is still the most popular in the kitchen, and it is affordable," she says. "In our store, you can get granite countertops for under $2,000 because we have our own factory and there is no middle man."

"Cabinetry also makes a big difference in a house," Zhu says. "Many builders install laminate cabinets that won't last more than 8 to 10 years. Our cabinets are made of hardwood and will last more than 30 years."

If you don't want to completely replace cabinetry, consider refinishing what you already have. Local companies like Cabinet Cures and Stone Creek Cabinets, can refinish, reface or do a combination of both to totally change the look of your existing cabinets.

Saturnia granite from Allied Stone adds depth to the countertops in this amazing kitchen.



Rich hardwood flooring, like this from PTI Hardwood Flooring, can transform any room in your home and add value at resale.

FLOORING.

Another way to make a major difference in your home is to replace or refinish flooring. If your hardwoods are looking a little tired, refinishing is the way to go. Affordable flooring options, including everything from tile, hardwoods and laminate to exotic woods and carpets are available at Kingdom Flooring and PTI Hardwood.



Painting your home can completely change the feel of any room. Bright blues and greens from Sherwin-Williams' Techno Color paint collection liven up this bedroom, giving it a fresh, modern look.



In this kitchen, Sherwin-Williams's Global Tapestry paint collection was used to add a rich warm color to the wall and a dramatic pop of color to the island.

PAINTING & MOLDINGS. Almost every homeowner has experimented with color, which can dramatically change the feel of any room. Painting can be a do-it-yourself project, but the professionals know all the tricks of the trade, plus they can complete the job in a fraction of the time. Even if you want to go it alone for painting, consider hiring an expert to install moldings to ensure it's done right the first time. Moldings can take the interior of your home to the next level, adding a touch of elegance. Companies like Millwork & More can add beautifully crafted moldings to any room in your home, as well as custom made doors and fireplace mantles.

It might seem that home repairs and spring projects are never ending, but if you put a little time into the upkeep of your interior and exterior spaces, the payoff is big, and you will have even more pride in your home.



This master bath in McKinney, built by Capital Improvements, includes heated floors beneath travertine tiles, a barrel-vaulted ceiling and a relaxing tub. Capital Improvements won a 2009 NARI National Coty Award for this unique project. Photo by Ken Vaughan



Adding a outdoor entertaining area can enhance your entire home. This relaxing backyard space was created by Capital Improvements. Photo by Ken Vaughan



Think outside the box when it comes to using your space. Servant Remodeling helped these homeowners completely reconfigure the first floor and create a unique space for fun and games.

Leave It to the Pros

By **AMANDA FLATTEN**

With so many do-it-yourself shows on television these days, you can't help but dream of the in-home projects that will make your house even better. If they can renovate a bathroom in a weekend on TV — and it looks pretty simple — then why shouldn't you tackle the same type of project? And you would be saving so much money by not hiring a contractor, right?

DON'T GET IN OVER YOUR HEAD — CALLING A PROFESSIONAL REMODELER CAN SAVE TIME AND MONEY

What seems too good to be true, almost always is, and that is a hard lesson for even the handiest of homeowners to learn. So how do you know what projects you can handle yourself and when you should call in a professional?

Paul Zuch, owner of Capital Improvements and president-elect of the National Association of Remodelers Inc., says before tackling home improvement projects, consider what skill level and experience you have. "Also, ask yourself what your time is worth," he says. "Skilled laborers might be able to do in a few hours what it would take you all weekend to complete."

DIY: PROCEED WITH CAUTION

While it's best to leave the big jobs to professionals, skilled homeowners can try to take on a few in-home projects on their own. But even some of the seemingly simple tasks might require a professional.

Painting is something most homeowners can do, but Rob Jackson, owner of Servant Remodeling and president of NARI Greater Dallas, says to be successful, walls must be pre-

pared properly before hand. "Painting and installing trim can be more complicated," he adds.

Changing out hardware is another thing homeowners can do to dramatically change the look of their cabinetry.

Tearing down wallpaper can be tricky, according to Zuch. "Many homeowners want to save by stripping wallpaper themselves, but often they damage the paper on the sheetrock, which can be three times as hard to repair," Zuch says.

Flooring and tiling are also areas that can be tackled by homeowners, but the professionals know all the tricks and pay attention to details. "You have to look at the time you put in, the price of renting tools and the attention to detail that professionals can offer a project," says Jackson. "You might get a lot of satisfaction from doing something yourself, but often homeowners end up spending just as much or more money in the end."

When it comes to large-scale remodeling, such as a kitchen makeover, Zuch says often homeowners will try to do the demo themselves to save a little money, but it can be a costly mistake.

"Common mistakes are taking out a structural wall or tearing into a wall with electrical wiring the owner was not aware of," Jackson says.

IN OVER YOUR HEAD

Before you find yourself in the middle of a home project gone wrong, consider hiring a trustworthy contractor, which often means not choosing the contractor with the lowest bid. "Homeowners really need to do their due diligence and hire a qualified contractor," Zuch says.

Unfortunately, some homeowners learn a hard lesson by choosing a less experienced contractor who will charge less for work. "We have a client that used us on a remodeling project, loved the work and even referred us to their neighbors," Zuch recalls. "A few years later, when that same homeowner wanted to do an outdoor living area, they hired a company that had a less expensive bid. One year later, the homeowners aren't happy with the design and have asked us to redo the project."

Sadly, the other company cut many corners on this family's outdoor living space. Capital Improvements had to tear down a majority of the work and start over again. "We see this kind of thing time and again, especially in times like these when homeowners are watching their budget and want a good value, but some end up making poor choices and it costs more in the long run," Zuch says.

It's important for homeowners to do their homework before hiring a contractor.

1. Check out a contractor's professional affiliations. "See if they are a member of NARI, check with the Better Business Bureau, see how long they've been in business and check their record," Jackson says. "Associations like NARI have a code of ethics its members must follow. NARI also offers continuing education for contractors."

2. Check with the Texas Residential Construction Commission. "See if any complaints have been filed against a company and how many projects they have registered with the state," Jackson says. "If they haven't registered many, that is a warning sign."

3. Interview two or three contractors. "Look at several contractors, see what their ideas are, find out if their personality will mesh with yours and find out how well they communicate," Zuch says.

4. Does the company have a business address? "It's important for a company to have a location or showroom and not just a P.O. Box," Jackson says. "This holds them accountable and means they aren't a fly-by-night company and can't just walk away from a project."

While there are some projects homeowners can tackle themselves, it's not always easy. Hiring an experienced, reputable contractor can save you a lot of frustration and money in the long run, and you'll be left with the space you always wanted in half the time it would take you to do it yourself.

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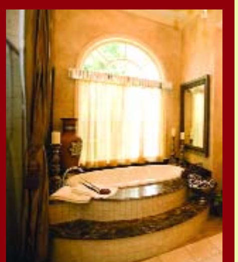
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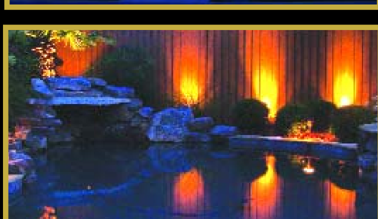
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Throughout the year, Texas roofs take tremendous beatings from the weather. In the summer, extreme heat causes the asphalt to melt, both exposing it and wearing out the roof faster. Spring brings about heavy winds, rain and hail damage, which can uplift panels and shingles from the roof. Recognizing early warning signs of a damaged roof and finding a professional roofing contractor are just the beginning of restoring a home's beauty.

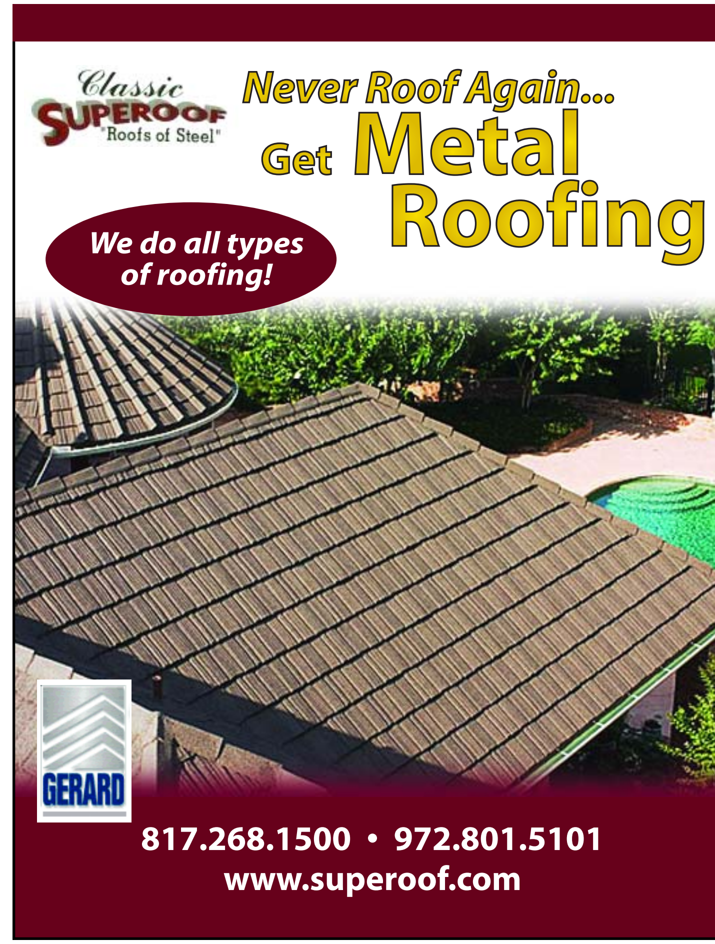
Homeowners must be able to detect when it's time to either repair or replace their roof altogether. Keith Lyles, owner of Classic Superoof, says there are obvious signs when a roof must be tended to. "If the homeowner hears water dripping, notices stains on the ceilings or finds missing shingles near the house, the roof has to go," he states.

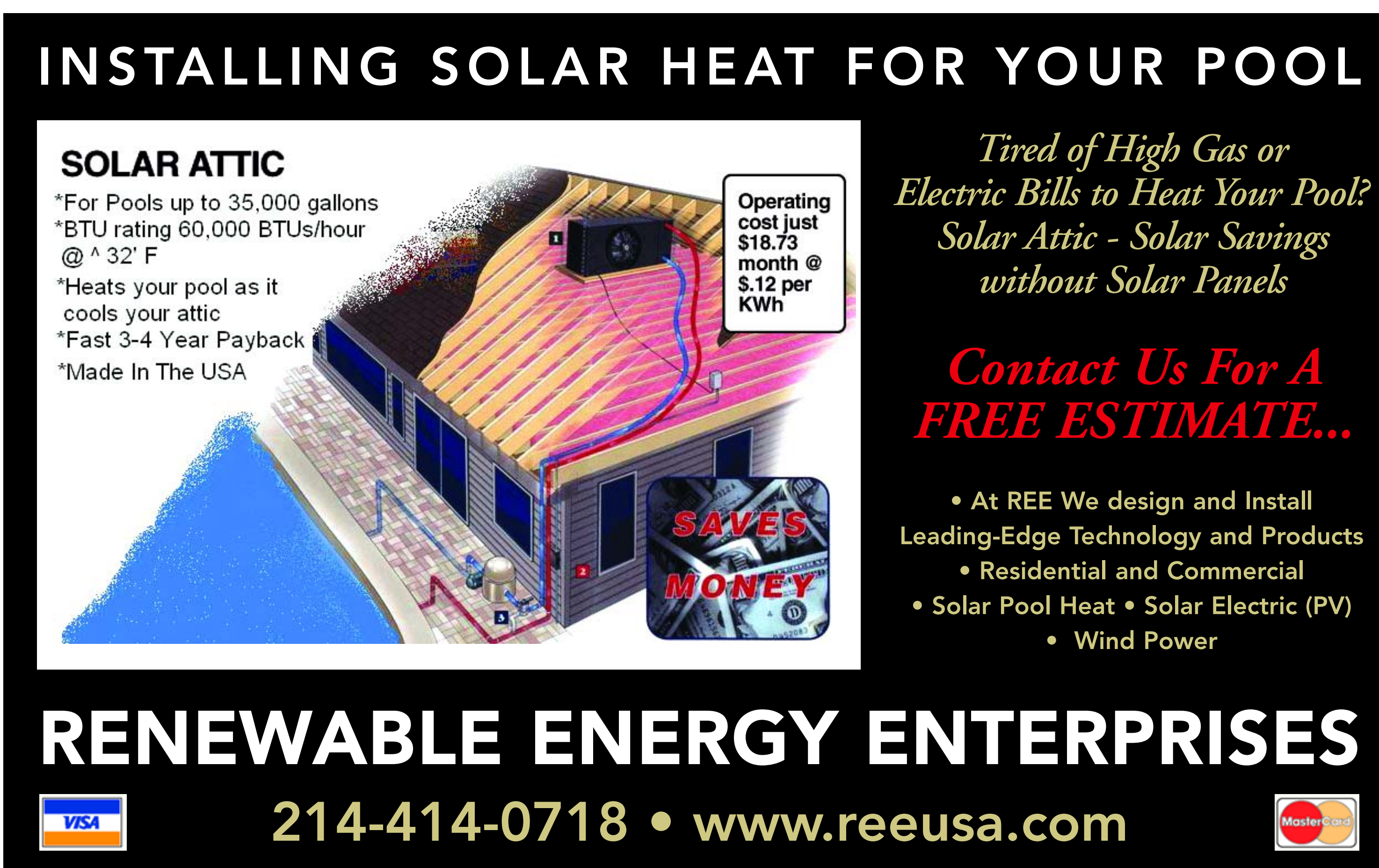
According to Lyles, storm damage is the most common cause for roof replacement, but trees near the home can rub holes in the roof, destroying the surface and old shingles can eventually crack, causing leaks within the home. He says the average roof has a life expectancy of 12 years to 15 years.

OPTIONS ABOUND

Many roofing options are available, and David Holman of Platinum Roofing says homeowners need to be well informed when purchas-


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Metal lasts a lifetime and is expensive, while composition shingle is inexpensive, fading fast. Shake is lightweight and durable, but expensive, flammable and deteriorates over time. Slate is attractive, with a life expectancy of 40 to 50 years, but can break. Tile is durable, but heavy. "I don't recommend the last three choices because homeowners will be spending lots of money on products that will eventually wear and could decrease the property value of their home," he says.

Lyles recommends metal roofing because it's energy efficient, impact resistant, maintenance free and the best overall. Investment grade roofing is maintenance free, weather resistant, with a 25-year life expectancy, he says.

While composition roofing might not be the experts' preferred roofing material, Lyles say a high-grade composition roof carries a long life expectancy and can withstand up to 130 mph winds. Classic Superoof carries roofing surfaces from simulated slate (faux slate made out of polyvinyl chloride plastic) to sheet metal and Gerard (a combination of shake and tile).

Even Energy Star is in the roofing material market these days, says Holman. "It's a brand that deals with certain levels of reflectants of radiant energy that come in an assortment of colors, such as blues, light grays and gold," he says. "The government gives tax credit to the homeowner if they use this brand of products."

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

According to Lyles, do-it-yourselfers have a better chance of getting the best quality roof if they hire a professional. Independent repairs leave the homeowner at greater risk of injury to themselves, while further damaging the roof. "I recommend a homeowner find a professional roofing contractor, preferably someone who has a good Better Business Bureau rating," he says.

Holman says homeowners benefit by getting referrals prior to hiring roofing contractors. The first step is calling a professional roofing company for a free roof inspection. The type of inspection being done will depend on the specific damage to the roof. Most inspections deal with missing or loose shingles, loose granules or degradation, the degrading of shingles or checking for leaks. During the inspection, the contractor is looking for curling and cracking or dents in shingles, Holman says.

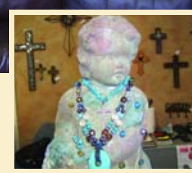
Having a quality roofing contractor is essential, but taking care of the roof is even more important. Make sure your roof is prepared to weather all storms by having vents near the chimney caulked, and have flashings and pipestacks checked so that your home can be enjoyed for years to come.

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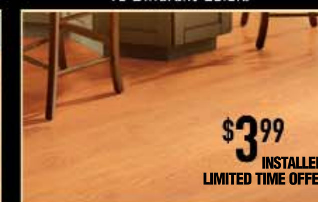
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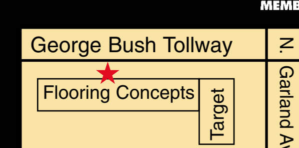
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THE PERFECT BACKDROP

A SWISS AVENUE HOME WITH ANTIQUE TREASURES

By **AMANDA FLATTEN**

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Throughout its existence, the 1929 Swiss Avenue home of Michael and Sharon Jones has played host to two wedding receptions, one funeral and one wedding — Michael and Sharon were married in the home in November 2008. "The ceremony was in the front yard, a cocktail reception was held inside and the dinner was held in the back yard," Sharon says.



ABOVE: Completed in 1929, this Swiss Avenue home was designed in the Georgian style by architect Bertram Hill.

LEFT: A Rookwood fireplace creates a cozy atmosphere in the study. Bright stained glass windows that flank the fireplace open up to let in fresh air, and hidden pull-down screens keep nature at bay. A George II style mahogany library arm chair (circa 1860-1880) provides a comfortable seat at the reproduction secretary.



ABOVE: The formal living room features a grand stone fireplace and warm furnishings. A Jennens and Bettridge papier mache tray sits between the two loveseats.

BELOW: In the dining room, a George III mahogany sideboard stands beneath a late 18th century Charles Leslie oil. Along the side wall, a Federal mahogany mirror hangs above a Georgian style sideboard from 1890.









ABOVE LEFT: Original tiles adorn the floor in the sunroom, which is dressed with comfortable seating. The Louis XVI style window seat is topped with an antique tole tray.

ABOVE: Brightly colored Art Deco tile flooring and built-in cabinetry are the stars of the enchanting breakfast room. The table is Victorian mahogany from the late 19th century.

LEFT: Untouched by time, the small master bath features the original tiles, tub and sink and even a small dental sink. The room has a certain charm that couldn't be replicated today.

Although the home has a long history, it has been amazingly preserved. The house was originally designed in a Georgian style by architect Bertram Hill for owner E. Hundahl. Michael Jones, a vice president for a telecom company, became the home's fifth owner in August 2007. "Michael had friends that lived on Swiss Avenue who were encouraging him to move to the neighborhood, and he had been looking at homes in the area for years," Sharon says. "This house came on the market two years ago, and while he thought it would be too big, he looked at it anyway and fell in love with it. Six months later he owned the house."

During the same time Michael bought the Swiss Avenue home, he was dating Sharon … and just a short time later, the home would be the site for their wedding. While the house did see a time of heavy drapes and carpets covering hardwood floors, all had been restored by previous homeowners before Michael bought the property.

Today, the home is filled with the couple's treasured antiques. The Joneses have a booth featuring antiques and 18th and 19th century French and English paint- ▶



A striking staircase gives a dramatic first impression upon entering the front door. Antiques include a French Morbier grandfather clock from the 19th century, a Louis XVI style marble topped mahogany commode from the 1940s and Louis XV giltwood parlor settee and chairs from 1890.

ings at The Gathering on Slocum Street, and their appreciation for unique items runs deep. "In this home, we had a place for all of our antiques," Sharon says. "It was the perfect backdrop for our paintings."

The home is also furnished with special pieces from antique stores and consignments shops.

BEAUTIFUL HIGHLIGHTS

While the home's interior design reflects the homeowners' love of historic pieces, original features also are enjoyed today as they were when the house was first built.

The front porch features colorful tiles, giving guests a hint of what awaits inside. A beautiful arched entry door and windows have leaded stained glass. Amazing stained glass windows can be found throughout the home, and they are also functional, opening up to let outside air in with hidden pull-down screens — quite an innovative solution for the time period.

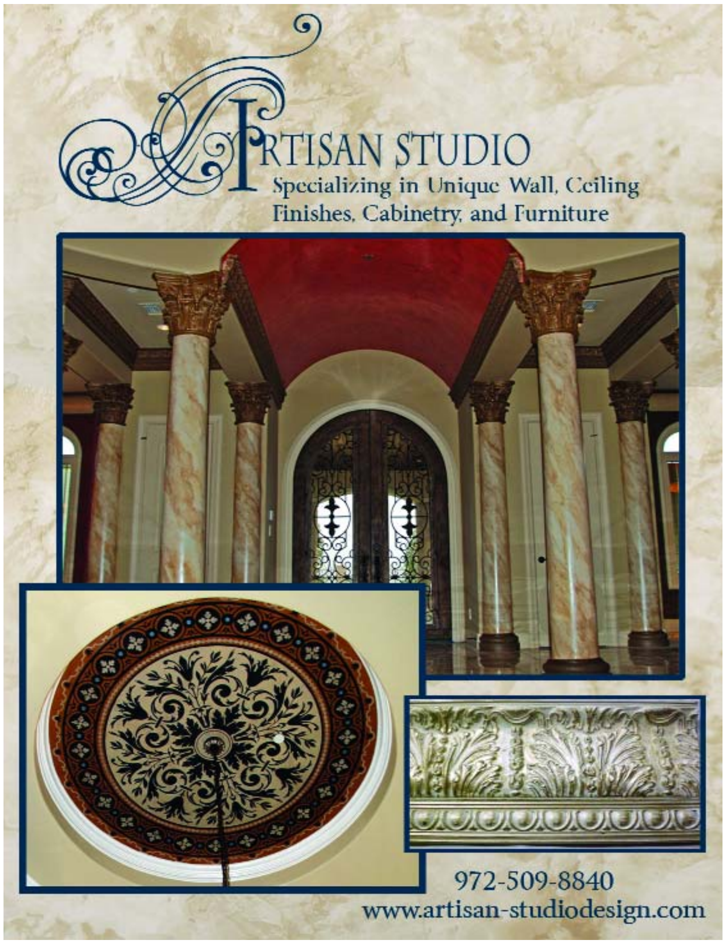
The study features a stunning Rookwood fireplace, while the living room accommodates a more formal, dramatic stone fireplace. Colorful tile is found in the sunroom, breakfast room and in the master bath.

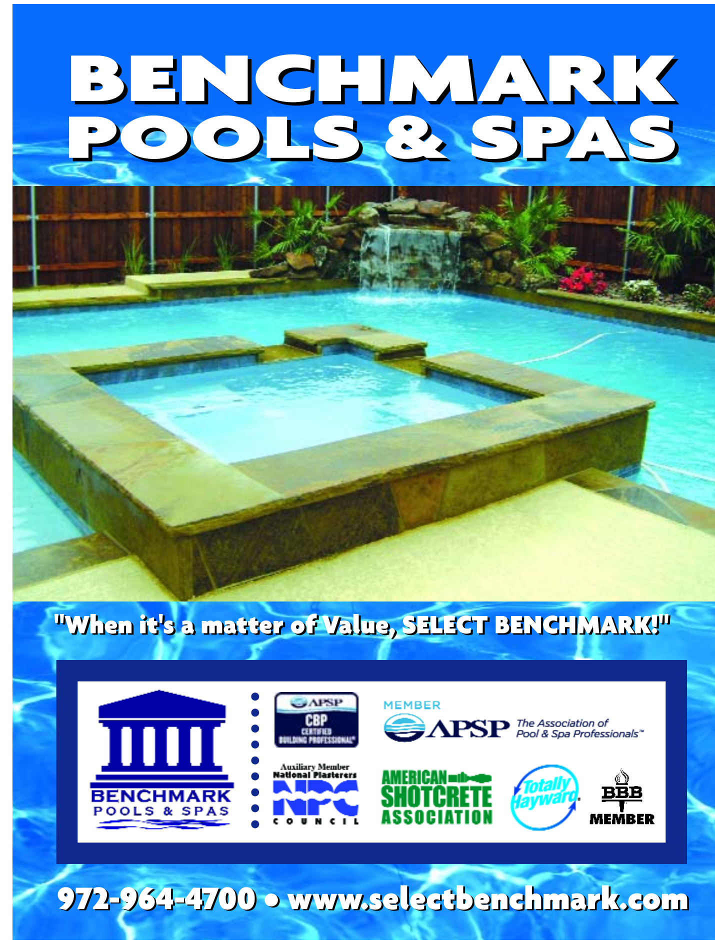
FEELING CONNECTED

Swiss Avenue is a charming place, and Sharon says she and Michael love living on the historic street. "It feels like the city's neighborhood, not just ours," she says.

Now, the couple is giving back to the neighborhood they have come to love. Their home is being featured on the Swiss Avenue Mother's Day Tour, May 9 to May 10 (www.sahd.org).

"We love living in this old house," Sharon says. "It's a joy for us that people enjoy and appreciate the home."


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Braised short ribs with truffle macaroni and cheese



Grapefruit, avocado, watercress and Texas blue cheese salad

A New Attitude

ROSEWOOD MANSION ON TURTLE CREEK TURNS OVER A NEW LEAF

Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek has been known for its elegant dining since the early 1980s, and after its multimillion-dollar bar and restaurant renovation was completed in late 2007, Executive Sous Chef Eric Brandt says things keep getting better.

The restaurant's new look features sleek furnishings, contemporary fixtures and vibrant artwork. "We are working in a classic structure, but the décor had become dated," says Brandt. "The new design has an open, lighter feel. Before everything was very formal; now it's a little more relaxed."

Along with the new look, visitors have a variety of dining options to choose from in the main dining room, the veranda, the bar and the 20-seat chef's room, which offers a multi-course "culinary adventure," according to Brandt. "No matter what the occasion, we wanted to offer dining options for everyone," he adds.

Also new to The Mansion is the herb and vegetable garden that produces fresh ingredients for the contemporary American cuisine. The garden includes exotic herbs, baby lettuces and olive trees. "Our guests get an absolute premium product, and fresh ingredients that have been picked that morning are on their plates that afternoon," Brandt says. Ingredients that aren't grown in The Mansion's private garden come mostly from local growers.

Menu items change from season to season and from room to room, but some of the items guests keep coming back for include the braised short ribs with truffle macaroni and cheese, butter poached Maine lobster, Alaskan King crab and fresh homemade pastas. "We like to serve items that are exciting, natural and simply prepared," Brandt says. "For some items, we take the familiar and add a twist."

Brandt suggests that home cooks be smart when buying groceries. "You can really change your diet if you only shop the perimeter of the grocery store where you find fresh vegetables, fruits and dairy items," he says. "You set yourself up for success if you watch the amount of processed and canned foods you eat. In a perfect world we would all eat organic, local foods."

All recipes courtesy The Rosewood Mansion on Turtle Creek, 2821 Turtle Creek Blvd., Dallas, 214.559.2100, www.mansiononturtlecreek.com.

Grapefruit, Avocado, Watercress and Texas Blue Cheese Salad Serves 4

2 avocados
2 grapefruits, supremed* and juice reserved
1/2 cup (1/4 pound) Bosque blue cheese
1 bunch arugula
1 bunch watercress
1 teaspoon olive oil
1/2 teaspoon Maldon salt
Cracked black pepper

Peel and slice avocados. Arrange the avocado and grapefruit slices on each plate, alternating between the avocado and grapefruit. Crumble blue cheese and spread evenly across each plate.

In a medium bowl, season arugula and watercress with Maldon salt and lightly dress with olive oil. Add cracked black pepper to taste.

Place arugula and watercress on top of the avocado and grapefruit slices. Drizzle the top of each dish with grapefruit juice and serve.

** To supreme a grapefruit, begin by cutting away the peel, following the curve of the fruit. Remove the segments by cutting along the columns of the pith.*

Braised Beef Short Ribs Serves 8

For the short ribs:
5 pounds beef short ribs, bone-in
1 gallon braising liquid (see recipe)
1/2 cup onion powder
1/2 cup garlic powder
2 cups tomato paste
4 bay leaves
1 small bunch fresh thyme

For the braising liquid:
6 carrots, peeled and chopped
2 yellow onions, diced
10 shallots, sliced
2 bay leafs
1 large sprig of thyme
4 cups of port
4 cups of red wine
1 cup red wine vinegar
2 gallons veal stock*

For the short ribs: Mix the onion and garlic powders together and rub the mixture liberally on each short rib. Next, coat each short rib liberally with the tomato paste. Place short ribs in a non-reactive container, cover and refrigerate for 24 hours, up to 48 hours.

When ready to cook, preheat the oven to 275 degrees and scrape the tomato paste off of the short ribs. Season with salt and pepper. Heat canola oil in a skillet over medium-high heat and sear the short ribs. Once the meat is caramelized on each side, transfer ribs to a deep roasting pan large enough to accommodate the short ribs in a single layer. Add the thyme and bay leaf to the braising pan. Cover the short ribs and herbs completely with the hot braising liquid. Cover the braising pan tightly with aluminum foil. Place pan on the middle rack of the 275 degree oven and cook for 4 1/2 hours. When the short ribs are tender when pierced with a knife, remove the pan from the oven and allow to cool for one hour at room temperature. Short ribs may be served immediately or removed from braising liquid and refrigerated for later use.

For the braising liquid: Add the vegetables, port, red wine, thyme and bay leaf to a 4-gallon stock pot and reduce on medium-high heat until the liquid is almost evaporated. Add the veal stock and cook for another hour until reduced by half; do not boil. Add red wine vinegar and season with salt and pepper to taste. ** Veal stock can be substituted with canned veal stock or veal demi-glace purchased from a specialty store (such as Whole Foods and Central Market).*

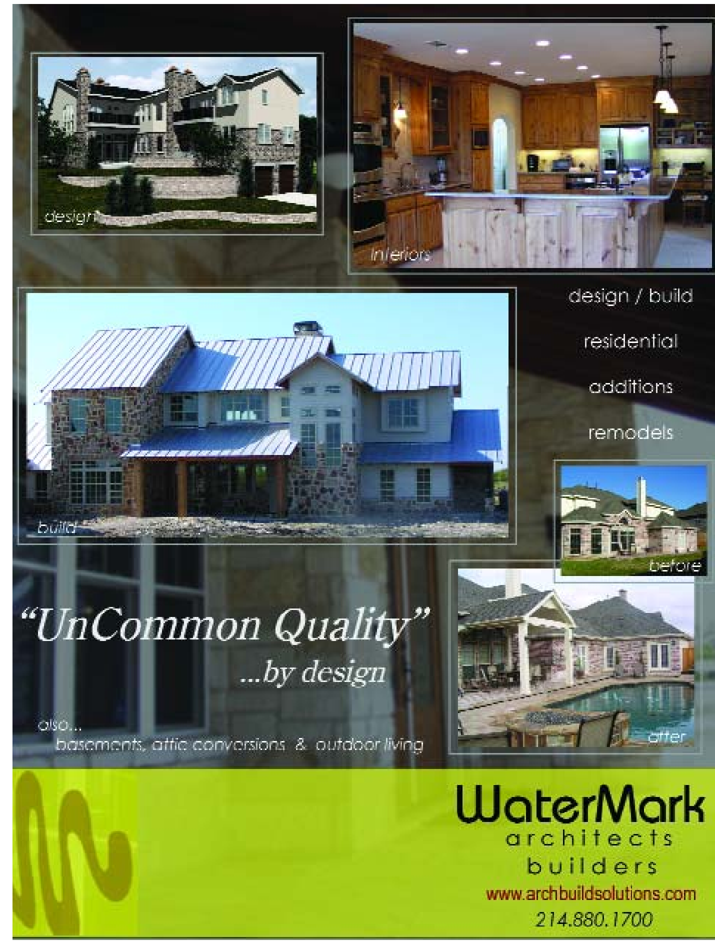

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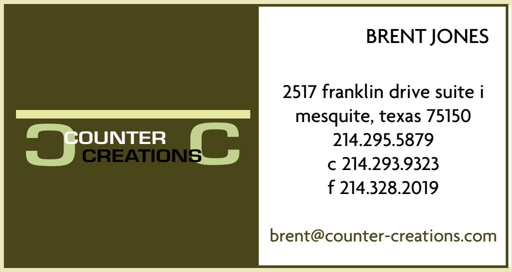
















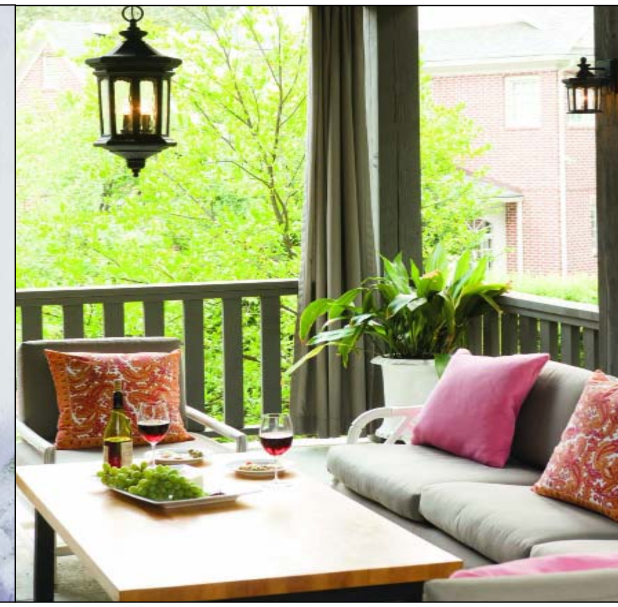
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